ernment. However, the National Dairy Develoment Board (NDDB) has recently been permitted to export 25,000 MTs of mustard oil out of its surplus stock procured from 'market intervention operation', to all permissible destinations for a period of 6 months from the date of issue of export licence. But no export of mustard oil has so far been made by NDDB.

Fixation of Editors in Group I pay scales in UNI

2239. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNI had categorised some senior journalists as Editors in 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these Editors have been denied the Editors (Group I) pay scales prescribed for news agencies by the UNI management with effect from 1-1-1988; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure fixation of Editors in Group I pay scales by the UNI management?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Payment of pay and other allowances at different rates by UNI

2240. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United News of India management is paying night shift allowance and City compensatory allowances at Class II news agency rates, while paying basic pay, D.A. and HRA at Class I rates notified by Government under the Bachawat Award;

(b) if so, whether two different classification—one for pay and another for payment of allowances are permitted under Government's orders; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure payment of Class I rates of pay and allowances to UNI employees under the Bachawat Award?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The various allowances being paid to UNI employees, are those for Class II news agencies, as notified by the Government on 31st August, 1990. The scales of pay of the Non-journalists newspaper employees were upgraded in the said notification by the Government without change in their classification. Subsequently the pay scales of Working Journalists got upgraded as a result of mutual settlement between the UNI management and the employees.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase of wagons for supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station

2241. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to increase the number of Railway Wagons for the supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station; and

(b) if so, what action have been taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of shortfall in production of coal from Singereni Coalfields steps have been taken to supplement coal supplies to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station from Talcher coalfields of South Eastern Railway.

Project for running Electric Trains between Delhi and Calcutta

2242. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to implement the project worth of 43 crores of rupees to run Electric Trains between Delhi and Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of drinking water in Andhra Pradesh villages

2243. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the action taken by Government on the project report for providing drinking water supply to RAYACHOTY and three other villages in CUDDAPAH District in Andhra Pradesh forwarded by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, vide No. 59610|RWS. III-89-2, 17-10-89?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): The scheme has been technically scrutinised and not approved.

Million wells scheme

2244. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of success rate of million wells of JEEVANA DHARA scheme in the frequent drought affected areas of Rajasthan and Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to dig surface Borewells instead of open wells in the above areas under this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) On the basis of the information furnished by the Rajasthan Government, the success rate of wells under the Million Wells Scheme (the correct name of the Scheme) in the frequent drought affected areas of Rajasthan is cent percent, as no failure has been reported so far. As regards the success rate of wells in Rayalaseema, Andhra Pradesh, although specific information on failed wells is not readily available, the Andhra Pradesh Government has informed that 6289 number of wells have been approved under the Scheme under National Rural Employmnt Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) out of which 5949 number of wells have been geologically cleared. The number of wells taken up for execution in the area under the Scheme is 4692, out of which wells completed are 1998 and the remaining 2694 number of wells are reported to be in progress.

(b) and (c) The Million Wells Scheme has been launched as a sub-scheme of NREP and RLEGP, which have since been merged into Jawahar Rozgar Yoja-